GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REVISION OF NORMS OF CRF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund released for calamity relief to each State Governments during each of the last three years including the current financial year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to revise the norms of Central assistance based on the report of expert group for calamity relief from the National Calamity Contingency Fund and Calamity Relief Fund;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the criteria fixed for increasing the Central assistance for calamity relief;

(e) whether the Government has released the entire sanctioned amount to the National Calamity Relief Fund;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to release the entire sanctioned amount to this Fund and the time by when the norms for providing Central assistance is likely to be revised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SMT. V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (g): Statements showing the allocation and releases made from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and funds released from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are at Annexure I and II respectively.

Central share of CRF is released in two equal instalments- first in June and second in December, after receiving utilization certificate from the States.

An Expert Group was set up in the Ministry of Home Affairs to review and recommend revision of items and norms of assistance from CRF/ NCCF, subsequent to the Award of the 12th Finance Commission. The Expert Group comprised of representatives from States and Central Ministries. The expert group submitted its report keeping in view the suggestions/views received from States and Central Ministries. The Government of India, after considering the recommendations of the Expert Group, has revised the norms of assistance from CRF/ NCCF in the wake of identified natural calamities. The revised items and norms of assistance have been notified on 27th June 2007.